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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO EXECUTE A
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ALLEN LUND
COMPANY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE
TO PANDEMIC INFLUENZA**

This is to inform you that I am exercising delegated authority as approved by your Board on July 29, 2008, to execute new service agreements related to bioterrorism response and public health emergency preparedness funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), with the contract maximum obligation not to exceed \$500,000 per service agreement, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and notification of the Board offices.

On April 26, 2009, a public health emergency was declared by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as the result of the detection of 20 known cases of individuals infected by swine origin Influenza A virus, now known as the H1N1 in the United States. Subsequently, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the first pandemic in over 40 years in recognition of widespread and sustained human-to-human transmission of the virus in multiple regions around the globe. In light of the threat of a pandemic can pose to the nation's public health and security, Congress responded by appropriating funding for the "Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund" to prepare for and respond to the H1N1 influenza pandemic. These funds are intended to bolster the nation's preparedness and response capabilities in order to decrease morbidity and mortality rates associated with the influenza pandemic.

Approximately 85% of the H1N1 vaccine to be supplied to Los Angeles County will go to private sector for distribution to the bulk of the eligible population through their regular

health care providers. The remaining vaccine will be administered to the public by Department of Public Health (DPH) using a mass vaccination campaign to provide vaccine to the eligible uninsured population of Los Angeles County which has no regular healthcare provider. In order to most efficiently and effectively provide pandemic H1N1 flu vaccine to the medically underserved, DPH is contracting with the Allen Lund Company to transport H1N1 flu vaccine from the Los Angeles County Immunization Program to various vaccine Points of Dispensing (PODs) and transport and dispose of related hazardous materials.

In response to this public health emergency, the Department of Public Health (DPH), using the above referenced delegated authority, will execute a sole source service agreement with Allen Lund Company to support DPH's efforts to transport H1N1 flu vaccine between the Los Angeles County Immunization Program's Vaccine Depot and the PODs, and to pick-up and dispose of the medical waste materials.

The total proposed cost for this agreement is \$176,895, for the period upon execution by the parties through April 30, 2010. Funds are available under CDC Public Health Emergency Response funds NA 1H75TP000350-01 Amendment 3 for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

County Counsel and the CEO have approved the proposed agreement as to form. Attachment I is the Sole Source Checklist which has been approved and signed by the CEO.

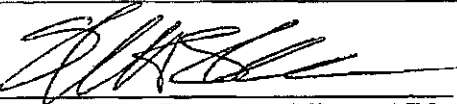
If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

JEF/rdt

c: Chief Executive Officer
Acting County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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SOLE SOURCE CHECKLIST

Check (✓)	<p align="center">JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES</p> <p><i>Identify applicable justification and provide documentation for each checked item.</i></p>
✓	➤ Only one bona fide source for the service exists; performance and price competition are not available.
✓	➤ Quick action is required (emergency situation)
	➤ Proposals have been solicited but no satisfactory proposals were received.
	➤ Additional services are needed to complete an ongoing task and it would be prohibitively costly in time and money to seek a new service provider.
	➤ Maintenance service agreements exist on equipment which must be serviced by the authorized manufacturer's service representatives.
	➤ It is most cost-effective to obtain services by exercising an option under an existing contract.
	➤ It is the best interest of the County (e.g., administrative cost savings, too long a learning curve for a new service provider, etc.).
✓	➤ Other reason. Please explain: Pre-existing MOU for emergency transportation services with Allen Lund Company.
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="423 1419 899 1549">  Deputy Chief Executive Officer, CEO </div> <div data-bbox="997 1419 1268 1549"> 10/21/09 Date </div> </div>